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School Bonds, Trustees getting ripe

in the Valley of the Moon

Summer's here, a little ahead of time, but hasn't it been glorious? We should enjoy it now, before it gets too hot, as the people from the city enjoy getting up this way—and they're doing it in big droves every weekend now. Bathhouse had capacity business last weekend; also almost every eating place in the Valley, along with the night spots and hotels.

Someone once said social tact consists of making your company feel at home when you wish they were. VALLEY WATCH REPAIR.

Don Madden gave an interesting talk before the Lions club Tuesday. He brought along his guide dog, from San Rafael, and told his listeners all about the program which covers 11 western states and is known throughout the nation. His German shepherd, still a month to go till "graduation," showed wonderful intelligence, consideration and loyalty—and the Lions loved him.

PLAZA LIQUORS (next to new bank, Sonoma). Extensive variety, hard and soft drinks. Hors d' ouvres. Snacks. Pizzas. Everything!

At that same meeting your erudite editor won the 10-pound canned ham, but it went right back to the Campfire Girls (previously understood). However, we win so seldom it was quite a thrill anyway.

DAVIS DRIVE-IN, Boyes. Formerly Merry's. Short orders, open 24 hours daily. Chicken. Hamburgers. Crab Louie. Wonderful coffee.

Often wonder (and some of you athletically inclined readers probably can set us straight) what happens when a pole vaulter goes well up over 15 feet, clears the bar, and then he falls to the ground. Does he light on his feet, his back, is there a cushion or what? Would think it would hurt and be quite a shock to the vaulter's anatomy.

BANCROFT NURSERY, Sonoma. Mothers' Day potted plants, corsages, bouquets. Phone in your order. The best in the Valley.

Paul's Resort is wide open nowadays, dinners served every evening, and Paul at the organ has an assistant—Buff Vassar, who plays anyway five instruments. Several huge picnics are scheduled for the resort, the first one May 20, when St. Monica's of San Francisco will send about 1500 visitors for a day at Paul's. Some other big ones are on the list for June.

There's a new softball field ready for use, eight new motel units, and every Sunday there's an outdoor chicken barbecue dinner available to the public from noon to 4 p.m.

FRIBERG DRUG STORE, So. Broadway, Sonoma. Prescription specialists. Time-Ex watches. A super drug store. Soda fountain.

And if you have stuff to burn, get a burning permit from the fire house in Boyes Springs. They're mandatory, and will be till the end of the critical fire hazard season along next fall. Permits are free, but you better have one. And don't burn after 10 a.m.

B & L LAUNDROMAT, Fetters. Nice days now. Bring your laundry here—skip the tedious job at home. Wast, dry, iron. Low cost.

We've been in the Valley for 11 years, but never have seen St. Helena, over the mountain in Napa valley. Saturday we're going over, especially to see the former foot expert, Doc Garrison, who operated in Boyes for many years. Impressions we have are that St. Helena is full of wineries and Seventh-day Adventists. Maybe we'll learn on this trip whether or not this is true. Report next week, positively.

ELECTRONIC DRIVE-IN— TV and Radio—Specializing in Auto Radio. 736 West Napa St., Sonoma. Kraft and Castori. WE 8-4839.

You know Bud Vise? He's got a splendid service garage over on Railroad avenue, and now he's expanding. He's an authorized service station man for Chevron gas and oil and all other Standard products. Good place to know!

POP'S BROADWAY CAFE, Sonoma. Pop on duty nights, Bill Collins back four days a week. Drop in and let's talk a while.

Sam Castori and Al Kraft of the Electronics Drive-In at our end of the approach to Sonoma (opposite Fireside) have gone high, wide and handsome in this clean-up, paint-up week stuff. Front of their building is now a brilliant green above, with the lower portion a brilliant red. And! It's really harmonious.

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SONOMA MILL & LUMBER CO., Hiway 12 at the big curve. Super service for contractors, carpenters, home owners, ranchers.

Made a faux pas Friday. Told the boys at Bates and Evans they had the finest pansies and fritillarias we'd ever seen. But Al Gordon corrected us. Those "fritillarias" are amarylis. However, and notwithstanding, they're gorgeous!

EL DORADO HOTEL, Sonoma. Italian meals at their finest. American dinners too. Old West atmosphere. Cocktail bar. Try us.

Finally, maybe, we know why we can't stand opera. Other night we heard an "album" (remember when albums were sorta scrapbooks with family portraits in 'em?). Nice singer . Sang, once, twice, then started a third, but couldn't stand it any more and switched to another station. Two hours with one singer (even the best) would be far too much for us. Like variety, a mixture, something different, always.

LEE STARRETT, Masseur, at Bathhouse, Boyes. Massages, slenderizing. You'll look and feel better. Make it a habit.

"Repeat the words the defendant used," said the lawyer.

"I'd rather not. They were not fit words to tell a gentleman."

"Then," said the attorney, "whisper them to the judge."

TOWN HOUSE SUPPER CLUB, Glen Ellen. New. Luxurious. The finest dinners, drinkables. Music weekends. Exotic! The Amantes.

This new time switch has created quite a snafu in your TV programs. Lucy and Spring now come on Monday evenings at a wonderful time, but What's My Line, once on at 7:30, now is at 10:30, and by that time we're listening to news and sports on radio. May be a change in about a month—or maybe not till September 29.

YELL'S ACRES NURSERY, Glen Ellen. Getting about that time to get your Dahlias in. Wonderful selection here. Priced low.

Sonoma beats the Springs area in its floral offerings—those out in the open, free for all to look at. There are glorious displays of "gold dollars," also of pink hawthornes, wistaria and tamarix. And, pretty soon, magnolias, and paradise vine.

BOYES SPRINGS BATH HOUSE—Now open, bigger and better. Two restaurants, casino, beautiful cool and hot mineral pools.

High school PTA comes out with a "fact sheet" designed no doubt to get us to vote for the $275,000 high school bond issue on May 10.

It's an engaging sheet, undoubtedly inspired if not directed and composed by the big school expansionist lobby, which if not checked will bring all of California to a decided financial crisis. This school expansion business can't go on forever, and we'll be "agin" it until such time as the authorities decide to and actually do use the present school plants to capacity.

The "fact sheet" is glib. It cites "low" rates for the high school, but neglects to say that these taxes are in addition to and on top of our taxes in the smaller elementary school districts.

They skip blithely over the matter of a junior high school.

They fail to mention the desirability of a unified school district encompassing all phases of education in the lower Valley.

They fail to mention any consideration whatever of using our present school plants 12 months a year instead of 8. (This quite recent movement is going great guns all over the nation.)

They brush off any consideration of using the existing school plant for say 12 hours a day instead of 6. There could be two sessions a day of more hours each than are now spent in classwork—but they want no part of it.

Apparently the plan is to "get the money" at any cost, let our grandchildren pay the debt, if and when, and apparently don't realize that these bonds have to be paid, and for years and years, at high interest.

Moonbeams is against any further expansion of the Sonoma Valley union high school. The Valley's center of population is out here in the Springs area, maybe up about Madrone road. Let's get a junior high school out here, and eventually expand it into a senior high.

Let's on May 10 put a stop, once and for all, to the constant appeals for more money for the Sonoma high school. VOTE 'NO' on the bond issue May 10.

VOTE FOR ODEN ROMWALL for trustee, Sonoma Valley Union High School District. Election, May 17.

Mission Inn had a packed house last Friday and Saturday. Two groups were there for conferences. YMCA people from the bay area were there Friday, and Friday and Saturday some 150 members of the bay section of California school supervisors' association were on hand, for a most enjoyable and informative session.

SLEEPING ROOMS in private home. Clean and quiet. 27 Patten St., Sonoma. Phone WE 8-2553. 6-21

We've been beating Druggist Friberg out of a penny every Friday. Checking the weight, we use his little bathroom scales inside the store instead of the "pay" scales outside. The weight losing program looks hopeless at times. Lost 2 pounds, gained 3. Now down another 2 pounds, but it's a hazardous business.

TODD CONSTRUCTION - ESTIMATING SERVICE. Subdivision Surveying. New location: Boyes Plaza, opposite Woodleaf.

MAC DONALD'S JEWELRY, Sonoma. Expert watch-clock repair service. Watches, Rings, Bands, Jewelry, Shavers. The best, always.

Presidents and secretaries of the Rotary clubs of the bay area had a big get-together last week Thursday at the Town House, Glen Ellen. Many other such gatherings have been scheduled by the gracious hosts, Carl and Sybil Amante.

SONOMA MISSION INN, Boyes. Nationally known, noted for its splendid meals, excellent bar, luxurious accommodations.

WALTER GRUNERT AUTO UPHOLSTERY, Fetters Springs. Texaco station. Seat covers, floor mats, truck cushions, interior work.

Comes Mothers' day, May 12—and it's time you began to get ready for it. Get her some flowers, a potted plant, some jewelry or candy. Or take her out for dinner. It's so much better to do a little something for her now, rather than wait—sometimes too long.

SONOMA GROVE, Hiway 12 south of Boyes. Wonderful steak, poultry, roast, seafood dinners. Italian food a specialty. Cocktails.

GLEN ELLEN LIQUOR STORE. On Arnold Drive. Fine wines and Liquors. A friendly place, always. "SLIM" WALLACE.

Not yet completely set, but this dyed-in-the-wool republican sees himself slipping into the "conservative" camp—Knowland, etc., rather than the wild-eyed do-gooders for the world as exemplified by the Nixons and (sorrowfully we say it), Ike. Whyinell don't they cut out the spending? Or if they must spend, why not at home rather than in Timbucktoo?

RUSTIC INN, Glen Ellen. Main corner. Last of the 11 old-timers. Authentic western atmosphere. Jack London's favorite tavern.

EXPERT LANDSCAPE GARDENING. Weekly, monthly maintenance. Cost is low. Call me (Blaek) at WE 8-3775.

There's a new liquor store in Sonoma that has a lot more than liquor to sell. It's the Plaza store, just opened by Henry Gurland and Joe Karmalski, formerly of San Francisco. Karmalski has already moved to a home on Andrieux; Gurland has bought a lot in Loma Vista and will build there shortly and move up.

With just about every kind of beverage—hard and soft—in stock, the store also features everything you might need when company is coming. Hors d' ouvres, various kinds of breads, snacks, ice creams and sherbets, appetizers and snack fills—it's a perfect place for regular or intermittent purchases. And you'll like the boys who run it!

AQUA SOFT—Water Treating Co. Sonoma owned. Call Petaluma Porter 2-7458. Evenings, Sonoma, Webster 8-3133.

BATES AND EVANS, Funeral Directors. Sonoma Valley's Pioneer Funeral Service firm. Serving families of all faiths since 1879. 691 Broadway Sonoma. WEbster 8-2686.

Don't forget to make a note: El Verano school circus comes up Saturday, May 11. It's all put on by the school pupils and staff, as-

sisted by the Parents' club of the school. Booths will carry all the standard circus foods, hot dogs and what not, with a three ring circus on tap at 7 p.m. You can spend several hours just roamin' around the various booths, rides and special attractions. 'Twon't cost much to take the whole family, and really get the circus feeling all over again (after all these years!).

RAY'S SIGNAL SERVICE, Arnold Drive at Cecilia Eldridge. For Emergency Groceries any time. Select stock. WE 8-5811.

MENDEL'S CAFE, Boyes Plaza. Splendid menu, including Spanish delicacies. Bring your out-of- town guests here. Cocktail bar.

Comes our scoop for the week!

Bill Posedel is the new manager of the Portland Beavers.

Who he? A former big league pitcher, mostly in the National league, Bill has lived here several winter seasons, comes up rather often to meet with and go duck hunting and fishing with his so many pals, and he's a real guy.

Bill succeeds Bill Sweeney, also a favorite in the Springs area, who died of a perforated ulcer several weeks ago. Posedel's team got off to a bad start, but we predict it'll end up well into the first division, and may win the PCL pennant.

MANCUSO WINES, Glen Ellen. Grower-produced. Available at every retail outlet. As good as the best, and better than most.

PAUL'S OLD RANCHERO, Verano. Superb Italian and American dinners. Cocktails. For the family or large groups. Paul at organ.

Davis Drive-In (formerly Caroline's, previously Merry's) is now open and going like blazes. Norman Davis and Edna his wife, are the new owners. Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the spot is beloved by the truck drivers—and you know what that means. It's good food, good coffee, and smiling and fast service. Now they're going in for crab Louie and other seafoods, but the old standby, wonderful fried chicken, keeps bringing the patrons back—and back again.

FRANK'S HARDWARE, Castner Bldg., Boyes. Gardening equipment. Household appliances. Giftware. Paints. Tools. Glass.

DENNY'S COG CLUB, Boyes. Sportsmen's headquarters. A most congenial atmosphere, with finest in mixed drinks. Drop in.

Sonoma Golf and Country club is nowadays welcoming constantly increasing crowds of golfers and diners. It's one of the most attractive spots in the Valley. Mendel Cader is generalissimo and he has a wonderful corps of assistants. Maybe you should take your guests up there for a real, typical, Valley of the Moon attraction.

VALLEY OF THE MOON CIGARS—Union label, handmade right here at home. Superior quality always. Most dealers have 'em.

BUD'S GARAGE, corner Railroad & Cherry Sts. Guaranteed finest workmanship, all cars. NOW! Chevron gas. Phone WE 8-3971.

And are we a detective! A big crock of beans was left for us at a local tavern, following a remark we made about canned beans being so very much inferior to home baked beans. The brand: B & M, from Portland, Maine. After several weeks of sleuthing, came up with the donor—a most attractive housewife who lives in Glen Ellen. If it weren't for the fact that some persons might construe it as a hint, we'd mention other foods—but won't. Like to try out anything new.

ROZARIO'S PALMS INN, Verano. "Home of the Lions." Splendid cuisine. Cocktail room. The Valley's favorite gathering place.

DONOVAN'S IRISH INN, opp. Bathhouse. 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. Baked Ham, Corned Beef dinners Saturdays. Beer and Wine.

It's from Michigan (Sebewaing Blade) — THE 10 COMMANDMENTS (originally from a Canadian company):

1. Don't lie. It wastes my time and yours. I am sure to catch you in the end, and that is the wrong end.

2. Watch your work and not the clock. A good day's work makes a long day short; and a poor day's work makes my face long.

3. Give me more than I expect, and I will give you more than you expect. I can afford to increase your pay if you increase my profits.

4. You owe so much to yourself that you cannot afford to owe anyone else.

5. Dishonesty is never an accident.

6. Mind your own business and in time you'll have a business of your own to mind.

7. Don't do anything here which hurts your self-respect. An employe who is willing to steal for me is willing to steal from me.

8. It is none of my business what you do at night. But if dissipation affects what you do the next day, and you do half as much as I demand, you'll last half as long as you hoped.

9. Don't tell me what I like to hear, but what I ought to hear.

10. Don't kick if I kick. If you're worth correcting, you're worth keeping.

MISSION CHAPEL MORTUARY, Funeral Directors, Sonoma. James and Jack Bisso. Only home-owned and operated mortuary serving Sonoma Valley families since 1952. WE 8-3357.

OUR RESORT, El Verano. Harvey and Melina to serve you the finest mixed drinks. Home of draft beer and the Stein Club.

SONOMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, Arnold Drive. You'll like our Clown Room. Bring your guests here, for outstanding prestige.

MIKE & ROSE'S BOYES SPRINGS STORE. Finest meats in the whole valley, with real bargains last three days each week.

A group of ministers and a sales organization were holding conventions at the same hotel (one around here?). The catering department had to work at top speed serving dinners to both at the same time.

The salesmen were having spiked watermelon for dessert but the harassed chef discovered this alcoholic tidbit was being served to the ministers by mistake.

"Quick!" he ordered the waiter. "If they haven't eaten the watermelon, bring it back and we'll give it to the salesmen."

The waiter returned and reported it was too late.

"Well," demanded the chef. "What did they say? How did they like it?"

"Don't know how they liked it," replied the waiter, "but they're putting the seeds in their pockets."

RICHFIELD SERVICE, Boyes Springs. Main corner. Bud Delaney, Proprietor. Tires, Tubes, Batteries. Fast, efficient service.

ADOBE DRUG (Ray S. Duer), 417 First St. W., Sonoma. WE 8-2971.
Prescription Specialists Veterinary Supplies

A PROGRAM FOR THE SPRINGS AREA

A suitable name for the area, preliminary to incorporation as a city.
Solution of the water problem by building a series of dams on Sonoma river to conserve water, prevent floods, and for recreation.
A bridge across Sonoma river, connecting Craig and Thompson.
Roadside turnout parks (we're 20 years behind) thruout the Valley.
Complete citywide paving, curbing, and sidewalks.
A bank of our own.
A name for Highway 12 suitable for our new city.
Traffic and parking control in the entire area.
Better street lighting.
A local chamber of commerce, devoted to Springs area promotion.
Procuring of rural delivery and carrier service, from Boyes postoffice.
More facilities, use, and suitable names for local Recreation District parks.

Moonbeams is dedicated to the accomplishment of these aims. Maybe more will be added in the months to come. We can't do it ourselves, but with community cooperation they will be done!

BOYES SPRINGS FOOD CENTER. A complete one-stop market. Take-out license. Prices mighty low, and highest quality always.
JIM'S MEATS. Boyes Springs Food Center. Highest quality always, and cut as you like it. Rather wonderful delicatessen, too.

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